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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I current have internet access through DSL through Sonic, a local provider. It is essential access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed us to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

We need more affordable access, not less - as a writer and emailer, and one who pays bills online, on a fixed income, this is essential. I previously had ATT but the customer service is much more responsive with the local provider.

increasing rates and limiting competition doesn't help the consumer. No price hikes.
And I depend on my landline - it is best in earthquake country and power outages.

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